(c) whether revival of traditional harvesting structure can save this KBK region; and

(d) if so, what is the action plan of the Centre to help the State to develop this traditional harvesting structure to combat drought in this region?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Based on the surveys carried out by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), it is observed that in nearly 85% of the area in Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) region of Orissa ground water level lies more than 4 metre below ground level and in 43% of the area it lies more than 6 metre below ground level during summer.

(c) and (d) Revival of traditional water harvesting structures can help in improving the storage capacity for harvesting rain water besides enhancing the ground water recharge. Water being a state subject, it is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to take steps for improving water availability. However, the Ministry of Water Resources was sanctioned a National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to agriculture, as a pilot project, in January, 2005. The project is to be implemented in one or two districts each in the states for which proposals were required to be submitted by the State Governments. The Government of Orissa has not sent proposals for the KBK districts under the above scheme.

Revamping of Conventional Water Reservoirs

†845. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken decision in the past years to revamp all the conventional water reservoirs of the country and have water stored therein;

(b) if so, whether Government have found the number of all the water reservoirs in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the total number of water reservoirs and the number thereof; State-wise; and

(d) the total number of water reservoirs whose revamping work has been started by July, 2006.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF..SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) No Sir. The Government has launched a Pilot Scheme for "National project for Rapair, Renovation & Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" in January, 2005. The water bodies having cultivated command area of more than 40 hectares upto 2000 hectares are included under the pilot scheme in one or two districts each in States.

(b) and (c) As per 3rd Census (2001-02) of Minor Irrigation the State-wise number of water bodies (classified as surface flow-tanks and storages) is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(d) Restoration of 1116 water bodies under the pilot Scheme for "National Project for Repair, Renovation & Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" in 24 districts of 14 States have been approved.

Statement

Total Tanks/Ponds and Others Storages

No.	Name of States/UT	Minor Irrigation as per 3rd Census 2001 Tank/Ponds and Other Storages Total Scehmes		
		in use	Not in use	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	51547	24014	75561
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	174	125	299
3.	Assam	755	265	1020
4.	Bihar	11879	2676	14555
5.	Chhattisgarh	36125	6592	42717
6.	Goa	2779	98	2877
7.	Gujarat	1990	2160	4150

1	2	3	4	5
8.	Haryana	526	35	561
9.	Himachal Pradesh	669	43	712
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	693	88	781
11.	Jharkhand	37839	4371	42210
12.	Karnataka	23682	3928	27610
13.	Kerala	10963	678	11641
14.	Madhya Pradesh	35129	4702	39831
15.	Maharashtra	61413	8218	69631
16.	Manipur	2	0	2
17.	Meghalaya	194	76	270
18.	Mizoram	440	170	610
19.	Nagaland	136	25	161
20.	Orissa	25082	5569	30651
21.	Punjab	424	25	449
22.	Rajasthan	1365	1448	2813
23.	Sikkim	363	65	428
24.	Tamil Nadu	31624	7119	38743
25.	Tripura	419	49	468
26.	Uttar Pradesh	3233	745	3978
27.	Uttaranchal	6331	3359	9690
28.	West Bengal	109421	8855	118276
29.	A&N Island	746	306	1052
30.	Chandigarh	0	0	0
31.	D&N Haveli	44	0	44
32.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
33.	Delhi	54	0	54
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	14753	3	14756
	TOTAL:	470794	85807	556601